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1982 HSNA MEDAL FEATURES QUEEN KA'AHU-MANU & IOLANI PALACE



The 1982 HSNA Medal will feature on the obverse the portrait of Queen Elizabeth Kaa'ahu-manu I and the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the Iolani Palace on the reverse.

Queen Kaa'ahu-manu was known as "the Feather Cloak", the favorite wife of Kamehameha the Great. She was the most powerful ruler of the Islands, after her husband. When King Kamehameha I died, Queen Kaa'ahu-manu received a unique position as Kuhina Nui, which placed her a co-ruler with her son, Liholiho, who became Kamehameha II. Queen Kaa'ahu-manu was perhaps the first Women's Liberator, Hawaiian style.

The reverse features the centennial of the completion of the Iolani Palace. It was through the efforts of King David Kalakaua that the Iolani Palace was completed and occupied in December, 1882.

The medals will be made with silver and bronze and will be sold in pairs at the HSNA Convention to be held at the Queen Kapiolani Hotel from the 11th to the 14th of November, 1982.

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HONOLULU COIN CLUB



STATEHOOD DAY
AUGUST 21, 1982

ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL
VON HOLT ROOM
QUEEN EMMA SQUARE

ROSECRANS' JITNEY

BY KAZUMA OYAMA

Herb Caen of the San Francisco Chronicle defined jitney as "so named because you could ride it for a 'jit' or a nickel." Webster's dictionary says: JITNEY—(French jeton, a token); old slang—a five cent coin; a small bus or car that carried passengers for a low fare, originally five cents.

According to information in the Hawaii State Archive's files there were more than a dozen jitneys operating in Honolulu during the 1920's and 1930's. Most of these independent jitneys complemented the Honolulu Rapid Transit Service by providing transportation to areas not covered by HRT. Gradually, as HRT expanded its system, the Public Utilities Commission failed to renew the license of the jitney operators. One by one they were forced out

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CRIME PREVENTION

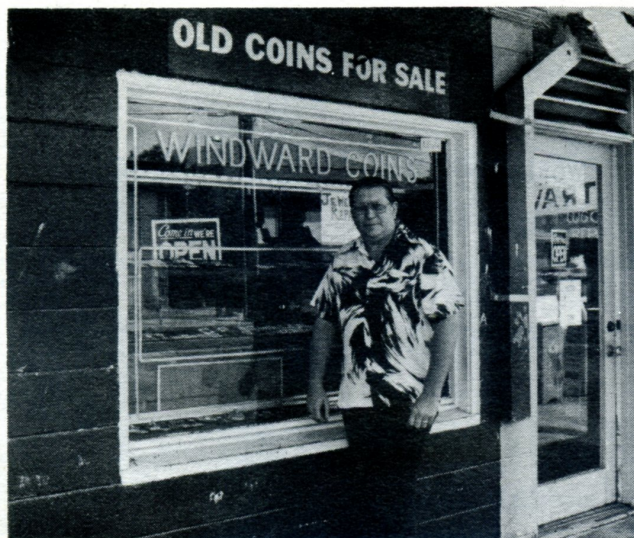
BY GREGORY HUNT

Summer in the islands means recreation and vacation time! It's a time when we are naturally more aware of the influx of tourists, and we ourselves are planning vacation travel.

In this article I will attempt to give you some helpful information about vacation safety. Especially in regards to our own home—hopefully to have one free from crime.

1. Cancel deliveries — newspaper, milk, etc. — have post office hold your mail or have a friend pick up deliveries each day.
2. Notify police—time leaving—time you expect to return—they will keep special watch on your home.
3. Put a light (or lights) on a timer for automatic turn-in at night—don't draw shades or curtains.
4. Check all doors and windows to make sure they are locked.
5. Have a neighbor check your home occasionally—let neighbor know where you will be.
6. Have a neighbor move your car in and out of driveway occasionally.
7. Put jewelry and other valuables in safe deposit box.

In our next issue of NU HOU DALA PAA I will continue to list crime prevention ideas as expressed by the Honolulu Police Department.



Browsing Around The Shop

If you ever want to keep cool on a warm summer day and also visit a nice little coin shop, head up the Pali Highway. Stop over at the scenic Pali Lookout and take on the gentle breezes before heading on toward Kailua. It's much cooler on the windward side where the trade-winds blow.

Harold (Don) King as a coin shop called WINDWARD COINS in Kailua, a very unique shop in the heart of town. He answers by the name of "Don"—a nickname which he picked up while serving in the Marine Corps. Don started his coin hobby about 34 years ago. A retired marine, Don first opened a coin shop in Yuma, Arizona in 1964 and ran it for two years. Then in 1968 he went to El Toro, California and opened a shop for six months. Don has been at WINDWARD COINS in Kailua since 1973. He sells strictly coins and numismatic items.

Don King is also the founder of the former Kailua Koin Klub in 1970 on the windward side, and is a life member of the HSNA. His advice to new collectors is that, right now is the right time to start with the low cost of silver and believes that the future of numismatics looks very stable and strong.

If you're ever heading for Kailua, drop in and see Don. A wonderful man to talk to and you might find some nice numismatic items you might like.

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Time: 7:30 p.m. President: Gregory Hunt

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Meetings held: Fourth Wednesdays of each month

Where: Maui Electric Company at the corner of Kane and Kamehameha in Kahului

Time: 7:30 p.m.

AREA COIN CLUB

Meetings held: First and third Wednesday of each month

Where: Club Makai, Hickam Air Force Base

Time: 7:30 p.m.

BIG ISLAND COIN CLUB

Meetings held: First Thursdays of each month

Where: Pomikai, at the corner of Hualalai and Ululani

Hawaiian Philatelic Society

Every 2nd Monday of the month at Ala Moana Banquet Hall. Every 4th Monday of the month is swap night at Kaimuki Christian Church.

In Memory of CHARLES INGRAM SR.
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HENRY (OBOOKIAH) OPUKAHAIA (1792-1818)

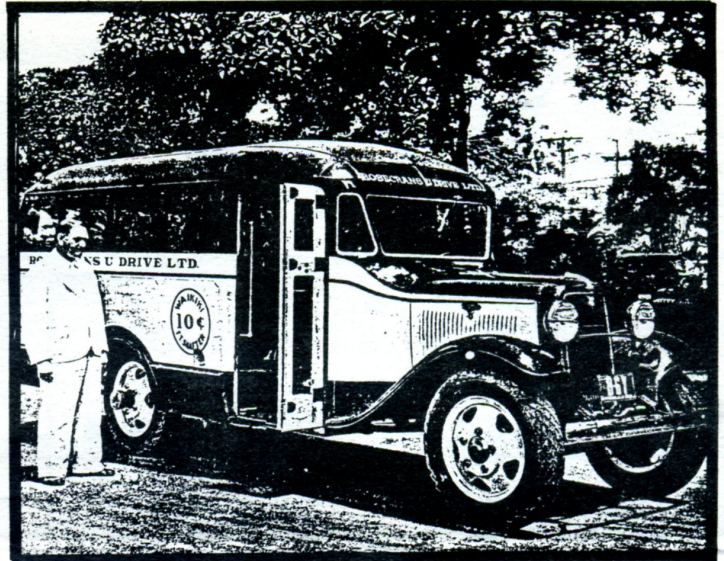
BY GARY LAU

Henry Opukahaia was the first Hawaiian to ever become a Christian. It all started when Kamehameha the Great decided to send one of his sons to New England for a Yankee Education. Henry Opukahaia and Thomas Hopu were to accompany him on his voyage, but plans were changed and the Prince stayed home. The two boys went any way and arrived in New England in 1809, having sailed from the islands aboard the ship "TRIUMPH".

Upon their arrival, Opukahaia was very distraught. He was an orphan, with no place to stay and no money for food. He was found on the steps of Yale College and befriended by the students. Touched by his determination to learn, the students sought the help of Yale College President Dwight, who then took him in, fed and cared for him, and taught him to become a Christian. He was determined to go back to Hawaii and teach the Gospel to his own people.

He was preparing himself at the "Foreign Mission School" in Cornwall, Connecticut, when on February 17, 1818, at the age of 26, he died of Typhus Fever. Inspired by his life, The American Board asked for volunteers to carry the Gospel to his homeland. On October 23, 1819, the Pioneer Company of the Sandwich Islands Mission sailed on the "THADDEUS" from Boston to bring the Gospel to Opukahaia's people. Through his inspiration, Christianity was brought to the islands and in 1953, the Christian Liberal Arts Education of the Pacific Frontier-Honolulu Christian College—was founded. This token commemorating Henry Opukahaia is round, nickle and 39mm.

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Mr. Rosecrans with his bus.

ROSECRANS' JITNEY

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of business until only one operator—Charles D. Rosecrans—remained. He successfully competed with HRT, serving a Fort Shafter-Waikiki route. However, in 1941, Rosecrans also was unable to obtain a renewal license and was forced out of business. However, he left a memento of his contribution to Honolulu's transportation in the form of a token Atwoods Catalogue of U.S. & Canadian Transportation Tokens identifies it as Honolulu 240F, and Medcalf/Russell Hawaiian Money Standard Catalog lists it as TT-15. It has a cut "R" with "Rosecrans U Drive Ltd. Honolulu" on one side and "Good for one fare" on the other side. One catalogue measures the token as 16mm and the other catalog says 17mm so there may be two varieties.

Charles D. Rosecrans was born in Cloverport, Kentucky on November 14, 1886, and died in Watsonville, California on May 28, 1958. Born to a poor family he only had a sixth grade schooling. He joined the U.S. Army at a young age obtained his honorable discharge here in Hawaii. He married Ida Hussey who was born in Kohala, Hawaii, a descendant of Alexander A. Makanoë whose Hussey Cousins Society numbers about 500 relatives, some of whom trace their roots to the early missionaries. The Rosecrans had four children.

Rosecrans started his own business by opening a gas station on the corner of Fort and Pauahi Streets and later opened additional gas stations at various locations in Honolulu. He ventured into the jitney business in 1928 with a fleet of cars traveling the Fort Shafter-Waikiki route, generally following King, Kapiolani and Kalakaua Avenue and ending at Kapiolani Park. He later ordered a fleet of 12 small busses that seated 12 persons each. The fare on the bus was 10¢ as evidenced by the sign painted on the side of the bus. Later he augmented the bus service with taxi cabs. He was able to compete with HRT by keeping a low overhead and by servicing and gassing his vehicles at his own gas stations.

A portion of this article is based on information furnished by Everette Rosecrans of Anaheim, California, to Greg Hunt. I wish to thank both of them for the input.



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